

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

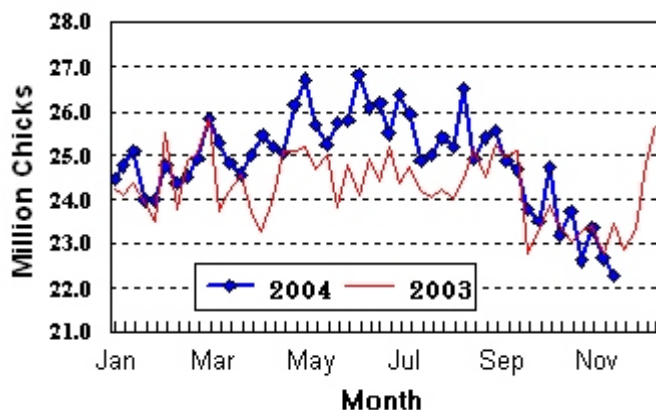
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.3 million during the week ending November 27, 2004. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 27, 2004 were 1.20 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 22.5 million, down 7 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

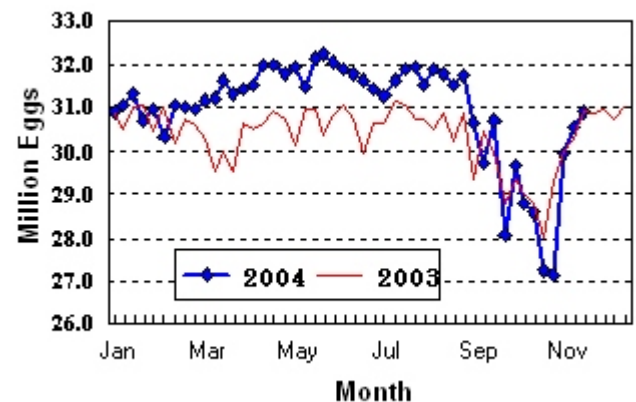
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 27, 2004, down slightly from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 23	23,387	23,205	99	23,882	23,259	97	28,783	28,574	99
Oct. 30	23,060	23,732	103	24,292	24,573	101	28,042	27,242	98
Nov. 6	23,263	22,634	97	24,131	23,869	99	29,304	27,142	93
Nov. 13	23,410	23,357	100	23,971	23,693	99	29,978	29,931	100
Nov. 20	22,777	22,691	100	23,123	22,636	99	30,312	30,578	100
Nov. 27	23,461	22,275	95	24,188	22,540	93	30,923	30,920	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov		23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	
Alabama	28,760 *	29,059	28,956	29,233	100	20,948	20,203	20,375	19,177	20,257	20,715	98
ARKANSAS	27,142	29,931	30,578	30,920	100	23,205	23,732	22,634	23,357	22,691	22,275	95
Delaware	3,780	3,464	3,568	3,815	101	4,631	5,463	5,557	5,483	4,666	5,124	83
Florida	1,300	1,317	1,338	1,329	98	1,512	1,563	1,495	1,615	1,492	1,354	75
Georgia	31,463 *	32,870	31,549 *	33,769	101	25,816	25,818	25,097	24,802	25,011 *	26,718	107
Kentucky	6,995	6,977	7,169	7,014	98	5,653	5,947	4,853	5,222	5,562 *	5,849	115
Louisiana	3,982	3,984	3,984	3,979	103	3,410	3,578	3,418	3,385	3,752	4,208	108
Maryland	8,504	8,416	8,616	8,733	99	6,000	4,728	4,402	4,454	5,661	5,380	103
Mississippi	18,861 *	18,681	19,312	19,540	103	16,306	16,567	16,207	16,357	15,402	16,631	110
N. Carolina	17,072 *	17,076	17,845	17,451	95	13,830	13,216	13,811	14,239	14,743	14,317	101
Oklahoma	6,255	6,131	6,648	6,674	106	3,779	4,749	5,460	4,718	4,250	4,956	111
Pennsylvania	3,886	3,758 *	3,889 *	3,693	96	2,794	2,803	2,633	2,731 *	2,900 *	2,791	104
S. Carolina	4,387	4,542	4,407	4,559	116	3,951	4,538	3,897	3,530	4,112	3,664	85
Texas	14,795	14,391	14,826	14,492	98	12,010	12,356	11,513	10,967	12,115	12,428	101
Virginia	6,274	6,330	6,355	6,499	98	4,699	5,103	5,028	5,113	4,759	4,913	109
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,632	18,186	17,484	17,990	102	16,563	15,584	15,628	16,062	15,626 *	16,275	106
Total 2004	201,088 *	205,113 *	206,524 *	209,690		165,107	165,948	162,008	161,212 *	162,999 *	167,598	
Total 2003	201,076	205,395	204,537	208,986		159,007	160,094	153,618	155,123	156,626	164,561	
%Prev. Year	100	100	101	100		104	104	105	104	104	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004-2005.....						11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending November 27, 2004. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 27, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 27, 2004 were 8.21 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.